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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady. No trading was reported. Demand light, limited interest noted for prompt shipments. The market tone on parts and meats was steady to firm. Offerings of bulk parts and meats are light to short of full needs.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading inactive. Demand very light. Industry members are closely monitoring import bans in Asia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 19, 2004**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.50 **	61.50 **	61.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	61.00 **	61.00 **	60.00 **
WESTERN REGION	62.00 **	62.00 **	60.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.63 **	58.50 **	58.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	58.00 **	58.00 **	57.50 **
WESTERN REGION	59.00 **	59.00 **	57.00 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-77

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 23-FEB-2004

	(8-16#) HENS PRICE	(16-24#) LBS TOMS PRICE	LBS (000)	LBS (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	66.69	65	61.87	23
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	66.69	65	61.87	23
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		20		10

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

JANUARY	378,953*
FEBRUARY 1-14, 2004	184,320*
To date 2004	563,273*
To date 2003	605,161*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS W/E 14-Feb-2004
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED		AVG LIVE WT	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW			-THOUSAND HEAD-		
N EAST	800	3	21.95	(A)	801	21.95
SATL	605	-13	30.77	(A)	605	30.77
N CENT	1,873	2	30.77	(A)	1,873	30.77
S CENT	534	7	20.36	(A)	534	20.36
WEST	315	15	24.91	(A)	315	24.91

U.S. TOTAL 4,127(B) 1 27.98 1 4,128 27.98
TO-DATE

2004 24,791(B) 42 24,833

TO-DATE

2003 26,060(B) 70 26,130

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 34,000; for the year 215,000; last year to date 358,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 14-Feb-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>					
HEAD	1,708	2,385	34	1		4,128
AVG WT	15.61	36.88	24.18	61.35		27.98
LAST WEEK	1,669	2,403	9	16		4,097
SAME WK YR AGO	1,717	2,575	52	7		4,351
AVG WT	15.59	37.6	23.67	40.51		28.75
TO-DATE/2004	10,073	14,503	215	42		24,833
TO-DATE/2003	10,134	15,568	358	70		26,130

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 FEBRUARY 2004.

White meat trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for prompt shipments. Demand light to fair with activity centered on fresh. Offerings of fresh white meat were generally held with confidence at steady to higher trending price levels. Fresh scapula traded at 87 cents shipping point. Frozen white meat offerings ranged from short of buyers' needs to light at best. Dark meat and tom bulk parts trade sentiment steady to firm with some isolated cautiousness noted. Demand light to fair. Offerings light at best with some industry members starting to note supplies of fresh thigh meat, fresh tom drums and fresh mechanically separated turkey not as short as previous weeks. Trading centered on a fair volume of tom 2-joint wings for domestic shipments, balance slow. Export inquiry was light with interest noted from Mexico and Eastern Europe. Some industry members continued to closely monitor import bans in Asia due to U.S. product in various stages of transit.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	58.00		58.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	56.00		56.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	55.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	41.00-42.50		41.83	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	45.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.00-39.00		35.67	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	81.00	40
NECKS, TOM	51.00		51.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	55.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	160.00		160.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	165.00-167.00		165.67	120
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00-96.00		91.43	140
BREAST TRIM MEAT	81.00		81.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	81.00-83.00		81.67	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	138.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	148.00-152.00		149.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	80.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00		34.00	110
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	55.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	83.67	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The fresh white meat market continued fully steady to firm for prompt shipments, frozen steady to firm. Demand was fair to good on fresh for immediate deliveries, frozen slow to moderate. Offerings were short to instances light and held with confidence. The tom bulks undertone was mostly steady on 2-joint wings, steady to fully steady on drums, firm on full-cut wings and necks. Domestic demand was fair to good while export interest was mixed with some buyers resisting current price levels. Industry members continue to watch Asia's closed market to U.S. poultry production. Demand light to fair on 4-8 lb. breasts for the mostly adequate offerings. Domestic trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light to fair. Export trading slow. For domestic: fresh tom necks 51, fresh wing meat with skin 82-88, fresh scapula 85-87, fresh breast trim 93 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	90.00-91.00		90.79	560	90.79	560
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	82.00		82.00	160	82.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	54.00-55.00		54.92	121	55.68	161
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	54.00-55.00		54.80	25	56.07	145
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	54.00		54.00	41	54.00	41
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	41.00		41.00	30	41.67	150
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	45.00	40	45.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	35.67	240	36.25	320
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	81.00	40	80.67	60
NECKS, TOM	51.00		51.00	19	51.00	99
NECKS, HEN	51.00		51.00	20	51.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	160.00	40	157.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	165.00-170.00		168.71	253	167.34	393
THIGH MEAT	87.00		87.00	20	87.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00-91.00		90.67	60	91.30	228
BREAST TRIM MEAT	83.00-85.00		83.89	72	82.86	112
SCAPULA MEAT		R	81.67	120	82.14	140
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	137.00-140.00		138.00	100	138.00	140
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	80.00	40	78.75	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	155.00-156.00		155.24	84	151.16	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00-35.00		33.17	433	33.57	603
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	56.00-57.00		56.67	120	56.25	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
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